GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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National Centre for Disease Control
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the total number of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) branches located across the country including Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up a Branch of NCDC in Gujarat, if so, the details and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is shortage of staff and lack of facilities such as laboratories, buildings at NCDC and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to strengthen NCDC by increasing the staff, upgradation of laboratories/ buildings etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) is based in Delhi and has, at present, 8 branches as under:
1. Alwar (Rajasthan)
2. Bengaluru (Karnataka)
3. Coonoor (Tamil Nadu)
4. Jagdalpur (Chattisgarh)
5. Kozhikode (Kerala)
6. Patna (Bihar)
7. Rajahmundry (Andhra Pradesh)
8. Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)

(b): The Standing Finance Committee (SFC) on 24.04.2015 has approved the proposal for "Establishment of 30 branches (including 8 existing branches) of NCDC in all States and one UT of India" for a total outlay of Rs.367.60 crore to be implemented in phased manner as per availability of land and funds. While establishing the branches, priority will be given to the States where lab/rapid response facilities to respond to outbreak/public health emergencies are inadequate.

All State Governments through Director of Health Services of each State have been requested to provide approximate 2-3 acres of land free of cost for setting up of NCDC branch.

(c): No.

(d) & (e): The project "Upgradation of NCDC" has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in 2010. This includes increase the manpower, infrastructure, lab and equipment etc. 114 new posts have been created. Funds have been approved for machinery & equipment.